

TOWN OF IPSWICH
MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Tuesday, February 10, 2015,
Ipswich Town Hall, 25 Green Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk and delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 at 7 PM in Selectmen's Meeting Room A.

With a quorum present, Chairman. Craft called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM
Selectmen present: William Craft, Chair; Judy Field; Nishan Mootafian and Charles Surpitski.
Also present: Robin Crosbie, Town Manager
Not present: Shirley Berry
The open meeting was recorded, with permission, by Ipswich Access Community Media.

Public Information:

Agenda --Packet
Consent Agenda
Minutes – January 20, 2015
Employee Status

Announcements

State of Emergency: Hubbard Emergency Management appeared before the Board to discuss the progress and results of the over 70 inches of snow that the town has received. MEMA is sending in a front end loader to come help, and the National Guard should be coming into help with hydrant digging out. It is recommended that any citizens who live near a hydrant dig it out prior to the National Guard getting to town.

Citizen's Queries

None

Budget Review

Facilities Department: Bill Ives Facilities Director and Jane Spellman Assistant facilities Director appeared before the Board. They gave a presentation on what happened this year with facilities taking over the schools and the goals for next year. Mr. Surpitski wanted to ask about emergency generators, and that the new generator for the police station was in this budget. It was confirmed it would be because it was funded at the fall town meeting. The one that is at the police station currently will have some repairs made and be moved to the DPW garage.

Department of Public Works: Rick Clark, DPW Director, Jim Putur, Superintendent of Cemetery and Parks appeared before the Board. Mr. Putur described where the department was this year and where it planned to go next year. Mr. Clark described the past fiscal year projects and the plan for next year for the DPW. Mr. Surpitski wondered about having a floater person that works with both the DPW and the Cemetery department was a good idea. Mrs. Crosbie said there was some softball the DPW wanted to add to the vehicles and increase sidewalk replacement so it was how the money had been allocated. Mr. Clark confirmed the biggest challenge right now was road salt, the companies are backed ordered. He said in the future Ipswich is looking to invest in another salt storage location to ensure less problems in the future.

Public Safety: Chief Paul Nikas Director of Public Safety and Chief Greg Gagnon Fire Chief, appeared before the Board. Chief Gagnon gave an overview of the past year, and the plans for the next year. Chief

Gagnon said the town's fire rating has moved to 4-10, which should help adjust homeowners insurances for people in the area, but it would take at least a year for those changes to come into effect. Chief Nikas spoke about the Public Safety plans at length. It was confirmed that Ipswich is now up to the full 18 patrol officers for the next fiscal year. For Animal Control the budget stays almost exactly the same. The Humane society is looking to expand, and there are plans in the works to do this. The parking at the Boat launch was discussed because of the problems that are caused by the amount of cars. It was asked if there was a plan to raise the fee's associated with this. As of right now, that is not in the plans. Mr. Surptiski confirmed that there are also some problems with pollution between the dam and the county street bridge, so much so that the state could shut down clamming on the river. Some money may need to be used to investigate this further.

Respectfully submitted by
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